

## SPOTTED JOE-PYE WEED

*Eupatorium maculatum*

Located in damp thickets, wet meadows and along shores in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and north. Also known as Spotted Boneset.

A tall (0.5 to 2 m), course perennial with deep purple or purple-spotted, hairy stems. Leaves are in whorls of 3, 4 or 5; thick, oblong to oval-lance-shaped, tapering at both ends; with leaf stalks or stalkless; edges coarsely toothed; prominent midvein with short side-veins (*E. dubium* is very similar except leaves have 3 prominent veins from near the base; also found in wetlands). Dense clusters of purple flowers on long stalks at the end of the stem and in the upper leaf axils; mature clusters flattish-topped, blooming from mid-July to early September.

Leaves and fruits eaten by mallard, ruffed grouse, wild turkey and swamp sparrow.





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